

SUPPORT For SNAP Act

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The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is our nation's most effective food security program. Getting SNAP benefits to the people who need them most is essential to end hunger. Many people who experience homelessness depend on SNAP to prevent hunger.

The recently passed Fiscal Responsibility Act creates new exemptions for people experiencing homelessness. To guarantee these new exemptions deliver on the promised new access, we must provide people experiencing homelessness with outreach, application and enrollment assistance, and transportation to SNAP offices to apply or get their benefits.

The **Securing Unhoused Peoples' Program for Outreach Resources and Transportation (SUPPORT) For SNAP Act** will help deliver on this promised expansion. My bill would provide the necessary funding to establish outreach programs and provide training about SNAP applications for staff who work with people experiencing homelessness. The new program would be established at USDA in consultation with HUD, which has expertise on issues related to homelessness and the organizations that provide services to people experiencing homelessness in our communities. The bill includes:

- Application assistance for people who are experiencing homelessness and seeking SNAP benefits;
- Street outreach activities to connect caseworkers with individuals about their potential eligibility;
- Engagement with Continuums of Care, Community Action Agencies, and other organizations with experience supporting families with very-low incomes or people experiencing homelessness on SNAP applications;
- Allowance for funding to provide transportation to SNAP offices for people who need to apply in-person because of technology access;
- Funding for training on SNAP benefits, including the shelter deduction and homeless household deductions that can improve benefit values for vulnerable SNAP recipients; and,
- Translation of materials and improvement of screening processes to better support everyone accessing the benefits they are eligible for.